

Sept. 16, 2016

# Lil' Dragon Fire



Reminder:  
Please return your Annual Health form to the school as soon as possible. Thank you!

## Preschool Screening

Preschool screening will be held on October 13th for children with birthdates from January 1, 2013-June 30, 2013. Please be looking for a packet if your child has a birthdate that falls in this range. If you do not get one by the end of September, please contact the school.

## Kids Against Hunger

T-shirt orders for Kids Against Hunger are due Monday, September 19th. Students K-5 will be bringing home M&M containers today. Your children may eat them and then fill with quarters and return to school. Penny wars will continue all week long. The teacher with the most pennies in their jar will get a pie in the face at the homecoming pepfest! If you'd like to make a donation, visit our Go Fund Me page at [www.gofundme.com/2nvb5j8](http://www.gofundme.com/2nvb5j8)

## What is the Buddy Bench?

The buddy bench is simply to eliminate loneliness and to create friendship on the playground. Let's spread the message of inclusion and kindness!

Christian Buck started this idea in the United States after seeing it on a German school's website. He started the idea with his principal and in 2013 the 2nd grader introduced it to his school in an assembly.

At least 1,000 elementary schools on six continents have installed buddy benches on their playgrounds.

Here at Adrian Elementary School the staff teaches about caring, sharing and respect with our anti-bullying messages. The Grand Prairie Rockets 4-H Club is donating the benches to help with our 2016 anti-bullying campaign. Plans are in place to teach the message "Wanted: Playground Buddy, Need a Friend? Sit on the Buddy Bench!" So be a friend. Make a friend.

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Mon, Sept. 26	Girl Scouts Registration
Thurs, Sept 22	Cub Scouts Registration
Mon, Sept 26	Dragon Adventures and crochet program registration due





## **"What's New" at AES**

### *Mr. Lofthus, Adrian Elementary Principal*

On behalf of all the staff members at AES, I want to welcome everyone back to what promises to be a fantastic year at AES. The school year has gotten off to a great start, and there is a lot of positive energy in our building as we look forward to helping our students learn and grow to their fullest potential.

This year we will be featuring the exciting things that make AES a great place for our students and staff to work and learn in our building newsletter titled "Lil' Dragon Fire," which is published twice a month and sent home with the oldest student in each family. There will be a column titled "What's new at AES" in each edition that will highlight some of the things that make AES special. Lil' Dragon Fire will also be published on the Elementary Tab on our school website, which can be found at the following link: <http://ww.isd511.net/elementary>

In addition to our newsletter, our website is the place to go to find information about our school. Elementary specific items can be found at the link listed above, including the following items:

- \* Breakfast/Lunch menus
  - \* Access to the Parent Portal for Infinite Campus where you can check grades, attendance, and account balances
  - \* Teacher websites that include contact information
- Information on our School Wide Title I Program and Literacy Plan
- \* Our Student Handbook and School Calendar

The following information highlights some important information we want all families to be aware of at AES.

#### Building Security Plan Update

Several years ago we started locking all entrances, except for the main entrance, after the school day was in session. This year we have made some changes to our Building Security Plan that will help us better maintain a safe and secure building for our students. Beginning Monday, September 19th anyone entering the building between the hours of 8:15-3:00 will need to wait in the vestibule area by the office. In order to enter the building, all visitors will need to use the Video Access Panel on the south wall of the vestibule area by the office.

In order to enter the building, all visitors will need to use the Video Access Panel on the south wall of the vestibule, and office staff will open the door after asking you to state your name and the purpose of your visit. Once you enter the building you will need to come into the office waiting area. Any visitor needing to go beyond the office area will need to sign the visitor log and wear a Visitor Badge. Upon leaving, each visitor will need to return to the office to sign out and return the Visitor Badge. In today's Friday Folder there is a more detailed document titled Adrian Elementary School Building Security Plan that includes additional information that will be helpful.

In the next edition of Lil' Dragon Fire we will feature information on our new Reading/Language Arts curriculum. In closing, all of us at AES look forward to working with our students and families this school year. Have a great day!!!

